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RE BOSTON TEL TO BUREAU AND NEWARK APRIL TWENTY-ONE INSTANT.

FOR INFO NEW YORK, RETEL SETS OUT THAT "MARCH OF SILENCE"  
TO BE HELD IN FRONT OF UNITED NATIONS BUILDING, NEW YORK CITY,  
APRIL TWENTY-THREE NEXT, FOLLOWED BY RALLY AT WASHINGTON HIGH  
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, NEW YORK CITY. "MARCH" TO COMMEMORATE  
MASSACRE OF ARMENIANS BY TURKS IN NINETEEN FIFTEEN.

IDEA ORIGINATED BY CHARLES METJIAN, ONE-THREE-FIVE TERRACE  
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COSTIPIAN, FORMER NEW YORK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN, AND  
PROFESSOR JAMES ETMEKJIAN OF NEW YORK UNIVERSITY. **REC-52 100-95445-16**  
NO SUPPORT FROM BOSTON AREA, AND LESS THAN TWENTY EXPECTED TO  
ATTEND FROM BOSTON. **EX-113**

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BUREAU, CONTAIN NO INFORMATION CONCERNING CHARLES METJIAN.

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FROM ANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-37461) (C)

SUBJECT: ARMENIAN DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL PARTY  
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Re: Boston airtel to Director dated 4/11/67.

Enclosed for Bureau are 5 copies of a LHM concerning "March of Silence" to be held in New York City on 4/23/67. Two copies are furnished New York due to their interest in this matter and one for Newark for information.

The sources mentioned in LHM are

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

The LHM is not classified since it is not believed the information furnished by these sources would result in identifying them.

If further information is developed which is of interest to the Bureau or New York, it will be furnished them.

The information attributed to the sources mentioned above was obtained by SA ROBERT B. NADEAU.

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- ③ - Bureau (Encs. 5) (RM)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Boston, Massachusetts

April 20, 1967

ARMENIAN DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL PARTY (ADLP)  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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companies in the area have had any buses chartered by the ADLP or G. John Gregory for a New York trip.

On April 20, 1967, Mr. Robert Allen, New Haven Railroad Company, Boston, Massachusetts, advised that no group has chartered a coach or made group reservations to travel by rail to New York on April 22, or April 23, 1967.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

This confirms the information furnished orally on April 21, 1967, to Mr. A. S. Buford, Department of State, by Special Agent William J. McDonnell of this Bureau.



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ADVISED APRIL

TWO ONE INSTANT THE DEMONSTRATION MENTIONED IN RETEL HAS  
BEEN WELL PUBLICIZED IN ARMENIAN LANGUAGE PRESS.

SOURCE SAID ARMENIAN DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL PARTY PAREN ADLP  
ENPAREN IS PRO-SOVIET ARMENIA, AS ARE MANY ARMENIAN POLITICAL  
GROUPS BECAUSE OF AID GIVEN ARMENIAN PEOPLE BY THE SOVIET  
UNION. HOWEVER, ADLP IS NOT COMMUNIST DOMINATED AND IS  
BASICALLY A CONSERVATIVE ORGANIZATION.

SOURCE ADVISED CHARLES METJIAN, FROM NEW JERSEY, ONE  
OF PROTEST LEADERS, HAS SPONSORED SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS IN PAST.  
MOST RECENT WAS HELD AT UNITED NATIONS IN NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE.  
THIS WAS PEACEFUL, UNEVENTFUL PROTEST.

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EDWARD N. COSTIKYAN, LISTED AS SPEAKER, IS PROMINENT NEW YORK CITY ATTORNEY, OF ARMENIAN EXTRACTION, WHO WAS FORMERLY NEW YORK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC LEADER.

SOURCE ADVISED PROFESSOR JAMES ETMEKJIAN UNKNOWN TO HIM AND NOT BELIEVED TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH ARMENIAN POLITICAL GROUPS IN NEW YORK CITY.

CURRENT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL DIRECTORY DOES NOT LIST ETMEKJIAN.

SOURCE ADVISED ADLP HAS FOLLOWERS IN NEW YORK CITY WHO WILL PROBABLY ATTEND THE DEMONSTRATION. HOWEVER, NO OTHER LOCAL ARMENIAN ORGANIZATIONS ARE SUPPORTING IT.

SOURCE SAID ARMENIAN PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE OF AMERICA PAREN APLA ENPAREN IS URGING ITS MEMBERS NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEMONSTRATION, ACCORDING TO VAHAN GHAZARIAN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE APLA.

THE APLA DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO EO ONE ZERO FOUR FIVE ZERO.

SOURCE DOES NOT EXPECT ANY DISTURBANCE TO RESULT FROM THE DEMONSTRATION AS THESE ARE USUALLY PEACEFUL.

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SOURCE ALSO ADVISED THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED TO THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE COULD POSSIBLY BE IN ATTENDANCE AND IT IS LIKELY THAT NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS WILL BE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THAT.

BOSTON AND NEWARK ADVISED BY MAIL.

US MISSION TO UN AND BSS, NYCPD, ARE AWARE OF THIS DEMONSTRATION.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

100 Milk Street  
Boston, Massachusetts.

August 14, 1943.

Director  
FBI

Re: ~~ARMENIAN DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL PARTY~~, aka.  
Rungovers, Ramgavars, Ramgavar Azadagan Gousagtzoutune;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 10, 1943,  
File 100-95445, requesting the identity of confidential informant  
FOIA(b) (7) - (D) mentioned in the report of Special Agent E. Charlton Graves  
dated June 3, 1943 at Boston, Massachusetts.

This office, for the past several years, has referred to

FOIA(b) (7) - (D)

At the time this procedure was adopted this office trans-  
mitted a letter to the Bureau advising that the above confidential  
informants would be so referred to in all reports.

Very truly yours

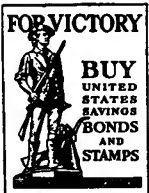
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6-3-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>2/26/43 3/15, 24/43 5/20, 22/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. CHARLTON GRAVES</b>
TITLE <b>CHANGED:</b> <b>ARMENIAN DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL PARTY, also known as Rumgovers, Ramgavars, Ramgavar Azadagan Gousagtzoutune</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject Organization is sympathetic to Soviet Armenia, but not to Communism. Attitude is that Armenia has had more peace and prosperity under Russia than it could have had if independent or a part of Turkey. Subject Organization publishes BAIKAR, daily in Boston. Attitude of this publication set out.

## REFERENCE

Bureau File No. 61-1364.

Bureau File No. 100-95445.

Report of Special Agent E. L. GRAMPP dated 9-1-42 at Boston, Mass.

## DETAILS

AT BOSTON, MASS.

The title of this report is being marked changed to show the full name of the Organization as being the Armenian Democratic Liberal Party, and to add another spelling of the name RUMGOVERS as being RAMGOVAR, and to add the Armenian name of the Organization as RAMGAVAR AZADAGAN GOUSAGT-ZOUTUNE.

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ADD. DISSEMINATION

FOIA(b) (7) - (D) advised on January 22, 1943, as follows:

Next to the so-called DASHNAGS of the Armenian Revolu-

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tionary Federation, the most powerful and representative group among the Armenians in America is the ARMENIAN DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL PARTY, sometimes called the ARMENIAN DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL CLUBS. The Armenian name of this organization is RAMGAVAR AZADAGAN GOUSAGTZOUTUNE.

This group represents a historical background of some forty years. In its present form, it is the amalgamation of two separate organizations, (1) Hai Ramgavar Gousagtzoutune; (2) Hai Agadagan Gousagtzoutune.

The merger took place in 1921, as both groups represented the same ideals and similar political and patriotic aspirations. Ever since, they have worked under their newly-adopted name - the ARMENIAN DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL PARTY.

The prime motive of this organization was the liberation of Armenia from the Turkish yoke. It was, and still is, a patriotic organization, although its name lends weight to the belief that it has been purely a political group.

Although, like DASHAGS, this organization harbors the ideal that Turkish Armenia should be liberated from Turkish rule, it does not represent a powerful force to back up its claims, if occasions arise for doing so.

It is, to one's mind, more of an educational group than a political organization. Its membership is small and it has no financial standing to speak of. It relies on its newspapers in preaching its doctrines and the leading members of the organization strive to keep alive among the Armenians the spirit of patriotism and national aspirations by the spoken word. Its political beliefs are expressed openly in its press. Although the organization does not have a large membership, it claims a popular following of appreciable size.

Ever since the downfall of the Armenian Republic in 1920, the members of the ARMENIAN DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL PARTY have been friendly yet loyal opponents of the newly-created Soviet Armenian Republic.

Time and again the press of this group has been outspoken and critical of the Communist regime in Armenia, yet friendly and loyal towards the people that inhabit the country.

The organization has been functioning on its liberal constitution, which is based on democratic concepts.

The friendly attitude of this organization towards Soviet Armenia springs from the conviction that the Armenian Republic, by adopting the Soviet form of government, had no other choice in view of the geographical location of the country. When Armenia adopted its present Soviet regime, it was being threatened from the south by the militant Turkish army.

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RAMGAVARS all over the world and in the United States claim that Armenia, under Soviet regime, found tranquillity and safety, which otherwise was denied to that bleeding country.

Adopting a policy of loyal opposition, RAMGAVARS have been constantly criticising the Soviet regime, regarding Communism as inimical to the best interests of the Armenian nation, whose history is full of national and religious traditions that have characterized the Armenian as the first nation that adopted Christianity as a national doctrine yet, maintaining at the same time, the belief that even under that undemocratic form of government, the country found peace and prosperity unknown to it; and that, under the circumstances, until a better period prevails in the country, more to the liking of democratically-minded people, it is a sane policy not to fight the regime and imperil the safety of the population.

In pursuing a middle-of-the-road policy, RAMGAVARS have been equally critical of the policies adopted by Dashnags and Harchtimagans (two groups now functioning in this country) toward the Soviet Armenia; the former criticising everything that pertains to Soviet Armenia and the latter praising everything Communistic, not only in Soviet Armenia but in Russia and even in the United States. (X)

To understand and explain the courses adopted by the two mentioned groups, it should be stated that Dashnags formerly were in power in Armenia in 1918-1920 before their ouster by Communist Armenians who are now in charge of the government.

HARCHTIMAGANS are regarded by the Armenians as the Armenian branch of the American Communist Party in the United States; hence their outspoken loyalty to Soviet Armenia and everything Communist.

The editorial policy of the RAMGAVAR official organ, Baikar Daily, has been critical of all Stalin's major policies. This is in keeping with the party policy. However, individual writers, such as A. N. NAZAR, have been friendly towards the Soviet policies, with a view in mind that "paper opposition" does not influence Russian policies, but it may affect the Armenian Republic. Thus, it can be said that favorable comment by RAMGAVARS and their writers toward Soviet Union is motivated by a desire not to displease Kremlin and draw its wrath on Armenia.

Although all of the members of the ARMENIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY are firm believers in a democratic form of government, they are, it should be pointed out, Armenians of the old school with sentimental attachments toward their mother country.

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The ARMENIAN DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL PARTY has been an avowed enemy of Fascism. It is hard, if not impossible, to find a good word in their publications on Nazism or Fascism. As a matter of fact, the Baikar Daily, with its vigorous editorials, has been more anti-Nazi and anti-Fascist than many American publications. Their headquarters is located at 296 $\frac{1}{2}$  Shawmut Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts and the Baikar Daily, their official organ, is published at this address.

This paper is a four-page journal--more-or-less a newspaper. Its front page is devoted to an article of general interest written by a prominent Armenian writer. Other than that, the remaining space on this page gives all the news of the day, gather and translated from such newspapers as The New York Times, The New York Herald Tribune, The Christian Science Monitor and the Boston newspapers. The paper has a daily editorial, written by the editorial staff composed of two journalists:

1. HRACHYERVANT, Editor-in-Chief
2. YERVANT MESSIAYAN, Associate Editor

The most remarkable feature in the paper is a daily column entitled American Notes, in which is translated two editorials from leading American dailies, such as the New York Times, the New York Herald Tribune, The Christian Science Monitor, The Boston Herald, etc., and articles by DOROTHY THOMPSON, WALTER LIPPMANN and other national writers of the American press.

The rest of the paper is devoted to local Armenian news, such as weddings, parties, church elections, etc., and to articles written by Armenian writers. Occasionally, news is given about Soviet-Armenia and the Armenian diaspora in general. Serials and short stories complete the picture.

Of late, Baikar Daily has been getting articles direct from Moscow, depicting the part that the Armenians are playing in the struggle against Hitlerism. Soviet Armenia, being a member of the Soviet Union, is actively engaged in the war. These articles are being written by Armenian writers both from Erivan, capital of Armenia and Moscow.

To the best knowledge and belief of our Informant, the loyalty of this group towards the United States cannot be questioned. A close scrutiny of their press will prove this beyond doubt.

Patriotic articles are a regular feature of the paper and the readers are constantly being urged to buy Bonds and more Bonds. They are being instructed to take active part in our war effort by helping the government and the authorities in any capacity that they can.

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The Baikar Daily takes an active interest in the American political and national life, always reminding the readers that this is the sacred duty of all good citizens towards their adopted country. It touches, editorially on all the subjects that affect the American scene and the American way of life, one way or another. The vigor and the outspokenness with which these subjects are discussed and analyzed in this paper proves beyond any reasonable doubt the honesty, the earnestness and the patriotism of the men editing and directing the policies of this publication, which is the official mouthpiece of all the men and women who are members of the Armenian Democratic Liberal Party.

This organization has members in all parts of the United States, from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast. The total membership, it is said, does not exceed one thousand. In some well-populated localities, it has clubhouses where members gather to play cards and read newspapers or have parties.

The organization is composed of three different units:

1. The Men's Clubs.
2. The Women's Auxiliaries.
3. The A. D. L. Juniors.

and the three units are directed by the General Executive Committee which is elected by representative vote every year at a Convention.

The RAMGAVAR PARTY has three publications in the United States, namely:

- (a) Baikar Daily (in Armenian) 296 $\frac{1}{2}$  Shawmut Avenue, Boston, Mass. (HRACH YERVANT, Editor - same address)
- (b) The Armenian Mirror-Spectator Weekly (in English) 42 East 33rd Street, New York City (JACK ANDREASSIAN, Editor, same address)
- (c) Noron Weekly (in Armenian) 723 Fulton Street, Fresno, Calif. (ANTRAGIN ANDREASSIAN, Editor, same address.)"

AT CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Professor LUDLOW GRISCOM of Harvard University, advised that Confidential Informant T1 had made several translations of Armenian newspapers for him. Confidential Informant T1 had advised Professor GRISCOM as follows:

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"That there are three important groups among the Armenian political party: The Dashnags, the Democratic Liberal Party and a third party which has changed its name several times, and which is connected with the Communists. I believe the organ of the third group is published in New York City. Newspapers published in Boston belong to the first two groups. The Dashnag Club is or was socialistic in its leanings and represented the revolutionary element. Their aim, before the last war, the Informant Stated, was the liberation of Armenia and the establishment of independent rule. They came into power immediately after the Russian Revolution and had a Government of the Armenian Republic. Members of this group were in the Armenian Delegation to the Peace Conference. ←

"The Republic of Armenia was overthrown by the Bolsheviks and the Dashnags were ousted by the Armenian Bolsheviks, and it was then that Armenia became Soviet Armenia. I think that it is this fact, more than any other, which expresses their hatred of and their bitter antagonism towards the Communists, and, hence, their criticism of Armenia as part of the Soviet Union. They have been violently opposed to any more or measure which would establish friendly relations between the Armenian Colonies abroad and the Armenians in Armenia. They seem to have modified their attitude now, and claim that since Russia is on the side of the democracy, better relations should be established with Armenia. However, their general attitude is still critical.

"The DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL PARTY was known earlier as the DEMOCRATIC UNION, but twenty years ago they merged with the LIBERAL UNION. I know hardly anything about the latter, but the DEMOCRATIC UNION represents the more conservative element, and was supported largely by the Armenian Bourgeoisie. Strangely enough, it is this group which seems more friendly toward Soviet Armenia. Although they do not sympathize with the Communist doctrines, I think that their feeling is that since the only national, or, more or less independent government is that of Soviet Armenia, one should have friendly relations with this group, and, instead of encouraging further diversion among the Armenians, they should try to support and encourage the national life in Armenia. They have favored sending money for cultural activities as well as helping construction in Armenia. They have also sent medical supplies and helped the humanitarian organization in Armenia.

"I know very little about the Communist organization, except that they have been very troublesome at different times, and their continual struggle with the Dashnags has emphasized differences and misunderstandings. As far as religious attitude of these Parties are concerned, the Democratic Liberal Party has always supported the Church and continues to do so. The Dashnags used to support the Church and many of them were free thinkers. The Communist Party is obviously opposed to religious thought."

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Mr. K. S. PAPAZIAN, who is a member of the Armenian Democratic Liberal Party, and who wrote the book "Patriotism Perverted", which is a history of the Armenian Revolutionary Federation, advised that the Armenian Democratic Liberal Party can be compared to the Democratic Party in this country. The Party was originally organized as a revolutionary party to free Armenia from Turkey. The organization has now lost its revolutionary ideas. He stated that the Party has been accused of being Communistic, but this is not true.

Mr. PAPAZIAN stated that his organization dislikes Communism and Soviet Government, but under the Soviet Government, Armenia has had peace and some prosperity for twenty years. If the Soviet Government was ousted from Armenia, the country would probably be taken over by the Turks, which, in his opinion, would be much worse than Russian domination. The attitude of the Armenian Democratic Liberal Party is that they do not agree with Communism but as long as Armenia has been better under Russia than any other country, and since they are too weak to maintain their independence, the country should be left alone and no trouble stirred up.

A review of typical issues of the BAIKAR, the official organ of the ARMENIAN DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL PARTY, as translated by Confidential Informant T1, is quoted below:

"ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES"

"Reprints from American newspapers, apart from the current news, are more numerous than in HAIRENIK. Every day one or two editorials, especially those from the New York Times, the New York Herald Tribune and the Christian Science Monitor are translated. The necessity of increasing the war effort and coordinating all activities is emphasized.

"Several articles are devoted to the meeting of the New England Foreign Language Press with high praise of the speech made by the President of this meeting, confidence in the ideals of freedom expressed and the assurance that there will be no discrimination against newspapers because of the language in which they are published.

"Criticism of the pardon granted to the Communist leader, EARL BROWDER, Though the action was taken in the name of national union it seems doubtful that it will further unity. The writer does not believe that BROWDER was set free at the instigation of the Soviets, though doubtless the President's act will be interpreted in this manner by certain elements.

"Editorial on the 'I am an American Day.' These words can be repeated with pride by Armenians living in this country. Praise of

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American democracy. Armenians are more keenly aware than others of the rare privilege of being an American Citizen, for they have always fought for the ideals of freedom and they have suffered under despotic rules.

#### "ATTITUDE TOWARDS TURKEY

Turkey will never get into the war of her own will. She never has and never will fight for others for an ideal, or in order to be faithful to treaties and to promises. One may feel sure that Turkey will not fight even to defend her soil; the Germans will doubtless take advantage of this and invade the country.

"Translation of an article by ROBERT LOW in Liberty on Turkey's position and whether Turkey will fight or not. The Turkish soldier is good but he is very badly equipped.

"Several articles summarizing Turkey's acts and promises after the Russo-Turkish war. The promises made by Turkey and the engagements she had taken at the Treaties of Berlin and San Stephano about reforms in Armenia were never kept; on the contrary instead of improving the situation, the persecutions were continued (massacres of 1895 and 1896. The Young Turks also made promises which they never kept. The statement of the Russian Foreign Minister, LOBANOFF, to the British Ambassador remains true; Turkey never changes.

"In speaking of the Atlantic Charter and the acceptance of its principles by the Soviets, it is stated that a spot is case on this bright picture by the general attitude towards Turkey, for it is in contradiction with the ideals expressed in this Charter. Some American writers and military analysts are aware of the fact that Turkey will stab the Allies in the back, just as Italy stabbed France, should the Allied position in the near East be endangered.

Yet Allied diplomacy is continuing its friendly relations and sending supplies to Turkey. If Turkey does not act against the Allies it will be only because the latter are victorious and in this case the Turks will exploit their neutrality and pretend that they were opposed to the Axis and friendly to the Allies.

#### ATTITUDE TOWARDS RUSSIA

Collaboration between Great Britain, the United States and Russia is the greatest hope for a lasting peace. In answer to those who hold Russia and the Hitler-Stalin pact responsible for the war, it is stated that Russia was let down by the western powers; at the time of the Munich Pact, Russia feared that the Western powers and Germany might come to an understanding and allow or encourage a German attack of Russia. Comments on the speech made by Archibald MacLeish concerning those who are not pleased by the alliance with Russia and who would rather lose the war than win it with Russian assistance. Fortunately, such men form a small minority.

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"Several articles, or translations of articles and editorials in American newspapers, praising the Red Army and showing the help brought by Russia to the common cause. The Russians have opened the road to victory.

"Comments on Stalin's speech of May 1st. This speech shows a growing confidence in victory and a calm assurance which contrasts with Hitler's tone. The May speech, when compared with Stalin's speech of February 22nd, shows that the dissatisfaction felt at that time with Great Britain and the United States no longer exists; in place of the complaints that Russia was fighting along, there is praise of British and American assistance.

"The attitude of the United States and Great Britain towards the Soviet Union should serve as an example to all non-Communist Armenians; that attitude also justifies the line followed by Armenians who tried to maintain relations with Soviet Armenia. Though many aspects of the international situation of Armenia may be criticized, it is easy enough to imagine what would have been the fate of Armenia if she did not have the military protection of the powerful Soviet Army. If the United States and Great Britain are collaborating with Russia in spite of their important ideological differences, there is all the more reason for Armenians to do so, for Armenia, even though a Soviet state, is their mother country. By laying too much stress on ideological differences, this much needed collaboration could be endangered....

"Great satisfaction is expressed at the Anglo-Soviet alliance, the understanding with the United States and the acceptance by Russia of the principles of the Atlantic Charter.

"It is to be hoped that when peace is restored and the Soviet Union no longer has to fear foreign attacks or internal revolution, the despotic methods used in Russia will disappear.

#### ARMENIAN QUESTIONS

"Criticism of the action of the Armenian delegates from Russia at the time of the election of the Catholicos of Cilicia. They were guided by political rather than religious considerations; that is contrary to the Armenian tradition which considers the relatives as religious leaders and not as political leaders. However, the failure of the election is being exploited by the Tashnags. The delegates from Armenia did not actually veto the election but they withdrew from the meeting. It is very important that a person who is to hold a high office, like that of the Catholicos of Cilicia, should enjoy the confidence and esteem of everyone. This does not seem to have been the case with the present candidate, and, everything considered, it is better that there should have been no election at all, rather than electing the wrong candidate. It is to be hoped that before the next meeting all dissensions will have dis-

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sentions will have disappeared and that no political considerations will be introduced in an election which is primarily a religious one.

"Reproduction of an editorial from the newspaper AREV published in Cairo, Egypt, begging the Soviets to set free the Armenia intellectuals who are still in prison.

Reports on the Armenians living in Syria and Lebanon and the formation of a league to fight with Russia and the United Nations against Nazism.

"Denial of the statement of HAIRENIK that the Democratic Liberal Union accused the Tashnags of being Fifth Columnists. This is a mis interpretation; BAIKAR wrote that this rumor was spread by the Turks. <

"Many reports of the activities of the Armenian General Benevolent Union and denial of the allegations of the Tashnags that the Democratic Liberal Union wishes to control the A. G. B. U.

"Memorial Day in honor of the victims of the Armenian massacres and deportations which started on April 24, 1915. This must be a day of determination for all Armenians to remain faithful to the high ideals for which over a million gave their lives; these ideals are to love the Armenian nation, the Armenian church and freedom. The responsibility of this unparalleled crime rests on the Turks but the Germans have also a part in it. They could easily have prevented these massacres; instead of this, they were favorable to the measures taken by the Turks and by means of which Armenia and Asia Minor were cleared of a hard working people who might have become a barrier to the commercial and economic expansion of the Germans. The intention of the Turks was to destroy the Armenians, so that they should no longer form a national with national claims.

"Many calls for donations to help Armenians living in Russia and abroad, as well as for the Armenian war prisoners in Germany. Such help is not merely a charitable act but one of national defense. Those who have escaped from the cruel sufferings and persecutions should be preserved at all costs, for they are needed for the future of the nation. Calls also to contribute for the Armenian Soviet Army, even though Armenians in Armenia and abroad are in greater need.

"Comments on the 'Armenian Day' to be celebrated in New York on May 17. Such a celebration is not in contradiction with that of the 'I am an American Day'; Armenians can be loyal to both countries, but this double loyalty means greater sacrifices, greater donations. The 'Armenian Day' of the present time differs from similar days celebrated during the last war and which were held to receive the help of the Americans for suffering Armenia. The present celebration has another meaning, it shows that Armenia is among the United

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Nations fighting for freedom. Criticism of the fact that Armenians did not participate in the manifestation organized in the Boston Gardens on Flag Day. It is the duty of the Armenians to make it known to others that Armenians are also fighting at the side of the United Nations.

"A number of articles on the Armenian Church, its history and traditions. Regrets that the younger generations know so little about the past history of their country and are losing their Armenian national feeling. The church has always been and must remain the unifying element and in becoming Americans, the younger people should not forget that they are also Armenians.

Criticism of those groups which, while preaching unity, have made every effort in the last twenty years to foster an inimical attitude toward Soviet Armenia. They have exaggerated the defects and weaknesses and they have suppressed the news of the vast work of reconstruction which has been done. This attitude has done no good, either to themselves or to the American cause. It is of the utmost importance that Armenians living abroad should remain attached to Armenia, even if they are separated from the Soviets on ideological grounds. The geographic position of Armenia makes it clear that real assistance and protection has to come from Russia and not from the Western European Nations."

In view of the fact that there is no indication that this organization is Communistic in its views, no further investigation is being conducted in this matter.

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TITLE <b>CHANGED: ARMENIAN DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL PARTY, also known as Rumgovers, Ramgavars, Ramgavar Azadagan Gousagtsoutune</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject Organization is sympathetic to Soviet Armenia, but not to Communism. Attitude is that Armenia has had more peace and prosperity under Russia than it could have had if independent or a part of Turkey. Subject Organization publishes BAIKAR, daily in Boston. Attitude of this publication set out.

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## REFERENCE

Bureau File No. 61-1564.  
Bureau File No. 100-95445.  
Report of Special Agent E. L. CRANFORD dated 9-1-42 at Boston, Mass.

## DETAILS

AT BOSTON, MASS.

The title of this report is being marked changed to show the full name of the Organization as being the Armenian Democratic Liberal Party, and to add another spelling of the name RUMGOVERS as being RAMGOVAR, and to add the Armenian name of the Organization as RAMGAVAR AZADAGAN GOUSAGT-SOUTUNE.

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Date: August 10, 1943

To: SAC Boston

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ARMENIAN DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL PARTY, aka. Rungovers,  
Rangavars, Rangavar Azadagan Gousagtzoutune;  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Your attention is called to the report of Special Agent  
Charlton Graves, dated June 3, 1943, in the above captioned case.

A review of this report fails to reflect the identity of  
[REDACTED] You are instructed to immediately advise  
the Bureau as to this informant's identity.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2344  
Boston, Massachusetts.

September 1, 1942.

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: RUNGOVERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

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This is in reply to the Bureau's letter dated August 15, 1942  
Bureau File 100-95445 which refers to letter from this office dated  
May 4, 1942.

The Bureau, in its letter dated August 15, 1942, advises that  
twice since the receipt of Boston letter dated May 4, 1942 it has re-  
quested the status of this case but to date this office has not seen fit  
to acknowledge the Bureau letters.

In this connection it is desired to advise that under date of  
May 4, 1942 this office advised that this case would be assigned for in-  
vestigation at the very earliest possible moment.

Following that there was received Bureau letter dated May 12,  
1942, advising that up to that date no information had been received  
from this office, reflecting any investigative activity and that this  
office should advise the Bureau immediately as to steps taken in an ef-  
fort to comply with the many Bureau requests. This Bureau letter dated  
May 12, 1942 apparently crossed in the mails with Boston letter dated  
May 4, 1942.

Bureau letter dated July 9, 1942 invited the attention of the  
Boston Office to the case and reported that, as stated in all previous  
letters, no information had been received reflecting any investigative  
activities.

Under date of August 19, 1942 the Boston Office advised the  
Bureau that this matter had been assigned to Special Agent Edward L.  
Cramp who had dictated a report in the matter, which was to be typed  
and forwarded to the Bureau.

Under date of August 15, 1942 the Bureau again addressed a  
letter to this office instructing it to immediately advise the Bureau  
as to the action being taken by this office in an effort to comply with  
previous instructions.

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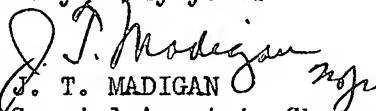
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Transmitted herewith will be found report of Special Agent E. L. Grampp of this office, relating to this case. Since the dictation of that report Special Agent Grampp has been transferred and this case is now being assigned to Special Agent G. Flynn.

Very truly yours

  
J. T. MADIGAN  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

FILE NO. **100-4595** mcfm

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-1-42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-23-42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. L. GRIMPP</b>
TITLE <b>RUGOVERS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject organization originally organized to liberate Armenia, from Turkish domination. To accomplish this, the RUGOVERS sought the aid of Russia. National headquarters at Boston. List of Central Committee members set out. No information in Boston Police Department files concerning the subject organization.

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**Reference:** Bureau letter dated January 9, 1942 (61-1364).

**Details:**

Officer **HENRY GOODMAN**, Radical Squad, Boston Police Department, stated that there is no information in the files of that department concerning the RUGOVERS other than the material set out in reference letter. Officer **GOODMAN** informed that he first learned of this organization in 1934. That year, Archbishop **TOURIAN**, prelate of the Armenian Church in America, was assassinated in the Holy Cross Armenian Church of New York. This incident caused a riot between the RUGOVERS and the Armenian Revolutionary Federation, also known as "Dashnags."

Each organization blamed the other for the crime and fierce rioting took place in the streets of Boston, and the police were called to suppress the uprising. Serious personal injuries were suffered by members of both societies during this fray. It is Officer **GOODMAN**'s belief that the RUGOVERS are in favor of adhering to the Russian government only as a means of liberating the Armenians from the domination of the Turks. He does not believe that the members of this organization have Communistic tendencies and has never seen a member of the RUGOVERS at any of the meetings of

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the Communist Party in Boston. He stated that a member of the RUMGOVERS, who is reliable and can give a complete picture of the operation and principles of the group, is KAPRIEL S. PAPA ZIAN, 40 Porter St., Watertown, Mass.

HRATCH YERVANT, Editor of the Armenian paper "Baikar," 296 1/2 Shawmut Avenue, Boston, stated this paper is put out by the RUMGOVERS, an organization composed of about four thousand members in the U.S. The original purpose of the organization was to work among the Armenian people in an effort to liberate Armenia from the domination of Turkey. To do this, the RUMGOVERS sought the aid and favor of the Russian government. 1

Since the outbreak of the present war, the work of the RUMGOVERS in the U.S. is confined to America and the present purpose is to teach the Armenians in this country the American, democratic way of life. The organization is 100 per cent behind the Allied war cause. The Armenian people in this country came here in an effort to save their lives and now they want to preserve their freedom. The headquarters for the RUMGOVERS is in Boston at the address heretofore listed.

The organization selects its national officers by means of a national convention. At this convention, a chairman is chosen, and he, in turn, chooses his own committee. The committee is composed of seven members, including the chairman.

On July 5, 1942, at the national convention held in New York City, GEORGE VALASHIAN, 115 Green St., Worcester, Mass., was chosen Chairman. To date, he has selected the following members to be a part of his Central Committee: SARKIS ATANIAN, 10 Payson Terrace, Belmont, Mass.; YNOVA ZULATIAN, 803 North Shore Rd., Revere, Mass.; VAHAN MINASTIEN, 25 Cross St., Somerville, Mass.; AHARON BADRIGIAN, 47 Hinds St., Malden, Mass.; NUSHAN DESDERIAN, 243 Lincoln St., Worcester, Mass.

The organization publishes two Armenian newspapers in the U.S., the "Baikar" published at Boston, and the "Armenian Mirror Spectator," published in New York City. An illustrative copy of each paper is being made a part of the Boston file. 1

Mr. YERVANT reiterated that the RUMGOVERS are purely democratic in organization and principles and the only connection it has with the Russian government is that, by the aid of that country, it is hoped that Armenia will be liberated from Turkish domination. He stated that the Communist beliefs of Russia are not a part of the RUMGOVERS' principles.

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THE BOSTON FIELD DIVISION

AT WATERTOWN, MASS.

Will interview KAPRIEL S. PAPAIZIAN, 40 Porter St., and obtain what information he can give concerning the working apparatus of the RUMCOVERS.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2344  
Boston, Massachusetts

August 19, 1942

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: RUMGOVERS;  
Internal Security - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 12, 1942 requesting advice concerning the steps which have been taken by this office in an effort to comply with previous Bureau requests for an investigation of instant matter.

In this connection I desire to advise that Special Agent Edward L. Grampp has dictated a report in this matter which will be typed and forwarded to the Bureau immediately.

Very truly yours,

*J. T. Madigan*  
J. T. MADIGAN  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS**

FILE NO. **100-4595** mofn

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-1-42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-23-42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. L. GRAMPP</b>
TITLE <b>RUMGOVERS</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> Subject organization originally organized to liberate Armenia from Turkish domination. To accomplish this, the RUMGOVERS sought the aid of Russia. National headquarters at Boston. List of Central Committee members set out. No information in Boston Police Department files concerning the subject organization.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>Reference:</b> Bureau letter dated January 9, 1942 (61-1364).</p> <p><b>Details:</b> Officer BENNY GOODMAN, Radical Squad, Boston Police Department, stated that there is no information in the files of that department concerning the RUMGOVERS other than the material set out in reference letter. Officer GOODMAN informed that he first learned of this organization in 1934. That year, Archbishop TOURIAN, prelate of the Armenian Church in America, was assassinated in the Holy Cross Armenian Church of New York. This incident caused a riot between the RUMGOVERS and the Armenian Revolutionary Federation, also known as "Dashnags."</p> <p>Each organization blamed the other for the crime and fierce rioting took place in the streets of Boston, and the police were called to suppress the uprising. Serious personal injuries were suffered by members of both societies during this fray. It is Officer GOODMAN's belief that the RUMGOVERS are in favor of adhering to the Russian government only as a means of liberating the Armenians from the domination of the Turks. He does not believe that the members of this organization have Communistic tendencies and has never seen a member of the RUMGOVERS at any of the meetings of</p>			
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August 15, 1942

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Special Agent in Charge  
Boston, Massachusetts

Re: RUMCOVERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated May 4, 1942, in the above entitled matter, which stated that the instant case would be assigned for investigation at the earliest possible moment and that a report would be submitted to the Bureau. The Bureau has twice since your letter requested the status of instant investigation.

To date you have not seen fit to acknowledge my letters. I must insist that my letters be promptly acknowledged. You are, accordingly, instructed to immediately advise the Bureau as to the action being taken by your Office in an effort to comply with my previous instructions. A report in this matter should be submitted immediately.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 9, 1942

Special Agent in Charge  
Boston, Massachusetts

Re: RUMGOVERS  
Internal Security - C

Dear Sir:

Your attention is directed to Bureau letters dated January 6, March 23, April 27 and May 12, 1942 in the above entitled matter instructing that this case be given immediate investigative attention. As stated in all previous letters, no information has been received from your office reflecting any investigative activity. I must insist that my requests in this connection be complied with immediately.

You are again instructed to advise the Bureau immediately what steps are being taken by your office in an effort to comply with my many previous requests and to submit an explanation as to why some action has not been taken in connection therewith.

Very truly yours,

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May 12, 1942

Special Agent in Charge  
Boston, Massachusetts

RE: RUMGOVERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Your attention is directed to Bureau letters dated January 6, March 23, and April 27, 1942, in the above-entitled matter, wherein your office was instructed to give the instant matter appropriate investigation.

To date no information has been received from your office reflecting any investigative activity. You are instructed to advise the Bureau immediately what steps have been taken by your office in an effort to comply with the many Bureau requests, and to submit an explanation as to why some action has not been taken in this connection.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
Boston, Massachusetts

May 4, 1942.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: RUMCOVERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to the Bureau's letters dated January 9, 1942, and March 23, 1942, and April 27, 1942, Bureau file 61-1364. Replying thereto it is desired to advise that because of the drive that is being conducted by this office to complete at the earliest possible date the investigation of approximately 200 Bureau applicants, in accordance with prior Bureau instructions, it has been impracticable to assign the above entitled case.

This case will be assigned for investigation at the very earliest possible moment, and reports thereon submitted to the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

*J. T. Madigan*  
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Special Agent in Charge  
Boston, Massachusetts

Re: RUMCOVERS  
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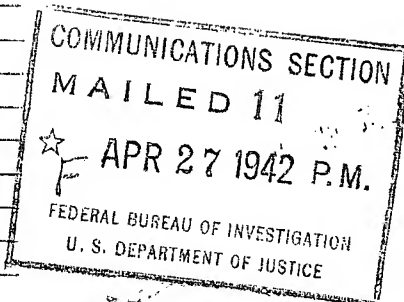
Dear Sir:

Refer to Bureau letter dated January 6,  
1942 in the above entitled matter and advise me of  
the steps which have been taken by your office in an  
effort to comply with the Bureau's request.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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March 23, 1942

Special Agent in Charge  
Boston, Massachusetts

RE: <sup>0</sup> RUMGOVERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Bureau letter dated January 9, 1942, in the above entitled case, which requested certain investigation by your office.

Inasmuch as the original information concerning the Rumgovers was obtained from the Boston, Massachusetts, Police Department, you are requested to obtain from that Department, on the next occasion of an Agent from your office calling upon it, whatever information is contained in its files concerning the subject organization.

Very truly yours,

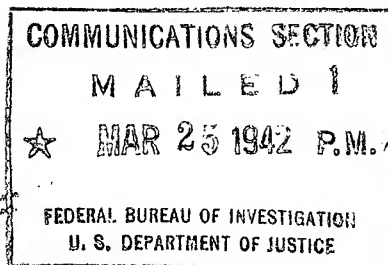
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January 9, 1942

Special Agent in Charge  
Boston, Massachusetts

RE: RUMGIVERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. B. Valentino dated at Boston, Massachusetts, November 1, 1941, in the case entitled "Ruben Darbinian, et al, Internal Security - C".

On page 3A paragraph six reference is made to a report of the Boston, Massachusetts Police Department as follows:

"In 1918 Armenia was conquered by the Russian Army and the Soviet Union installed Communistic teachings in that country. The Armenian people in the United States then became divided into two groups known as the Tashnicks with headquarters at 45 Winchester Street, Boston; and the other was called Rumgovers with headquarters at 245 Shawmut Avenue, Boston. The Tashnick group of Armenians is for the overthrow of the Russian government in Armenia and to install the original Armenian government; and the Rumgovers are in favor of adhering to the principles of the Soviet government in Armenia."

The report continues:

"In previous investigations made in regard to these groups, I have not been able to attain anything tangible that would prove that the Tashnicks were affiliated with any Nazi Movement. However, we have seized Communist literature, etc., in places that the Rumgovers have held meetings."

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You are instructed to determine the working apparatus of the Rumgovers and identify the national and local officers of those alleged Communist groups. The extent of its Communist activity should be definitely determined.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
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